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Government Press.

Cost of printing at the Government Presses.

* 384 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the printing cost per page and per 1,000 impressions in each of the Government Presses varies from As. 7-6 to Rs. 3-4-2 and Rs. 8-11-7, and from As. 5-9 to Rs. 2-5-1 and Rs. 10-13-8 ; and

(b) whether the Government have in contemplation any and, if so, what measures to bring down the costs to the normal level, by increasing the output or economizing the expenditure wherever possible ?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 403 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 8th February 1924. The figures given by him relate to the cost of printing 1,000 impressions during the years 1922-23 and 1923-24, respectively.

Labour.

Standard wages of labourers in Ceylon.

* 385 Q.—Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Agent of the Government of India in Ceylon was consulted about the standard wage ;

(b) whether his report, if any, was communicated to the Government of Madras ;

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House all connected papers on the subject ;

(d) whether the Government have received his opinion regarding the retention of estate taverns and the provision of education for Indian labourers' children in the Ceylon estates ; and

(e) if so, whether the Government will kindly place it on the table of the House ?

A.—(a) The Agent of the Government of India was not consulted by this Government.

(b) No report has been communicated to the Government of Madras.

(c) Emigration is a 'Central' subject administered by the Government of India and there are no papers relating to the matter with this Government which can be placed on the table of the House.

(d) No.

(e) Does not arise.

Appointments.

The work of the Staff Selection Board.

* 386 Q.—Mr. R. Veerian : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many applications were received by the Staff Selection Board since its creation for various Government appointments from each community, viz., Brahmans, Non-Brahmans, Depressed classes or Adi-Dravidas, Christians and Muhammadans ; and